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HOUSE BILL No. 1029

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Citations Affected: IC 9-18; IC 9-29; noncode.

Synopsis: In God We Trust license plate. Creates an In God We Trust license plate (plate). Specifies that it is not a special group recognition license plate, and that there may not be an emblem on the plate that is a religious identifier. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles (bureau) to set a fee for the plate by rule to cover the cost to the bureau for production of the plate.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2005.

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January 4, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.
January 10, 2005, reported — Do Pass.
January 13, 2005, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18-15-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is
3 the registered owner or lessee of a:
4 (1) passenger motor vehicle;
5 (2) motorcycle;
6 (3) recreational vehicle; or
7 (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of
8 not more than:
9 (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
10 (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or
11 (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;
12 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original
13 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau
14 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which
15 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.
16 (b) A person who:
17 (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in

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subsection (a); and

(2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:

(A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);

(B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);

(C) IC 9-18-19 (Purple Heart license plates);

(D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana National Guard license plates);

(E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana Guard Reserve license plates);

(F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);

(G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);

(H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);

(I) IC 9-18-24.5 (In God We Trust license plates);

~~(J)~~ **(J)** IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);

~~(K)~~ **(K)** IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);

~~(L)~~ **(L)** IC 9-18-30 (kids first trust license plates);

~~(M)~~ **(M)** IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);

~~(N)~~ **(N)** IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);

~~(O)~~ **(O)** IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);

~~(P)~~ **(P)** IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);

~~(Q)~~ **(Q)** IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);

~~(R)~~ **(R)** IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);

~~(S)~~ **(S)** IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);

~~(T)~~ **(T)** IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license plates);

~~(U)~~ **(U)** IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license plates);

~~(V)~~ **(V)** IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);

~~(W)~~ **(W)** IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);

~~(X)~~ **(X)** IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);

~~(Y)~~ **(Y)** IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);

~~(Z)~~ **(Z)** IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American trust license plates);

~~(AA)~~ **(AA)** IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);

~~(BB)~~ **(BB)** IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust license plates);

~~(CC)~~ **(CC)** IC 9-18-47 (Lewis and Clark bicentennial license plates); or

~~(DD)~~ **(DD)** IC 9-18-48 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates);

may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular special recognition license plate.

SECTION 2. IC 9-18-24.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

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AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]:

Chapter 24.5. In God We Trust License Plates

Sec. 1. The bureau shall design an In God We Trust license plate to be issued beginning January 1, 2006.

Sec. 2. An In God We Trust license plate must include the following:

- (1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or letters, or both, to properly identify the motor vehicle.
- (2) A background design or colors that designate the license plate as an In God We Trust license plate. There may not be an emblem on the license plate that is a religious identifier.
- (3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

Sec. 3. A license plate issued under this chapter may be displayed on the following:

- (1) A passenger motor vehicle.
- (2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.
- (3) A recreational vehicle.

Sec. 4. A person who is a resident of Indiana and who is eligible to register and display a license plate on a motor vehicle under this title may apply for and receive an In God We Trust license plate for one (1) or more motor vehicles after December 31, 2005, after doing the following:

- (1) Completing an application for an In God We Trust license plate.
- (2) Paying the fee under section 5 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. The fee for an In God We Trust license plate is the appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-34.5.

SECTION 3. IC 9-18-25-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).
- (2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).
- (3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).
- (4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).
- (5) Disabled veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).
- (6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).
- (7) Indiana National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).
- (8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).
- (9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).
- (10) In God We Trust license plates (IC 9-18-24.5).

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~~(10)~~ (11) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45.8).

SECTION 4. IC 9-29-5-34.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
1, 2005]: **Sec. 34.5. A motor vehicle registered under IC 9-18-24.5
is subject to:**

(1) an annual registration fee;

(2) any other fee or tax required of a person registering a
motor vehicle under this title; and

(3) a fee set by rule by the bureau, which must cover the cost
to the bureau of the production of the plate.

SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a)
Notwithstanding IC 9-29-5-34.5, as added by this act, the bureau
of motor vehicles shall carry out the duties imposed upon it under
IC 9-29-5-34.5 under interim written guidelines approved by the
commissioner of motor vehicles.

(b) This SECTION expires on the earlier of the following:

(1) The date rules are adopted under IC 9-29-5-34.5.

(2) December 31, 2006.

SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1029, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

DUNCAN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 1.

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1029 be amended to read as follows:

Page 4, line 4, delete "to" and insert "**to:**

(1)".

Page 4, line 4, after "registration" delete "fee" and insert "**fee;**".

Page 4, line 4, delete "and" and begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(2) ".

Page 4, line 5, delete "." and insert "**; and**

(3) a fee set by rule by the bureau, which must cover the cost to the bureau of the production of the plate.

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SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act."

(Reference is to HB 1029 as printed January 11, 2005.)

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1029 be amended to read as follows:

Page 3, line 10, delete ", an emblem,".

Page 3, line 11, after "plate." insert "**There may not be an emblem on the license plate that is a religious identifier.**".

(Reference is to HB 1029 as printed January 11, 2005.)

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